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FOR UNDERSECRETARY MAW FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ICNAF SPECIAL MEETING

REF: A. STATE 241087; B. STATE 241118

1. ON NOVEMBER 5 I DISCUSSED WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KOZYREV THE NEED FOR SUCCESSFUL RESULTS AT THE FORTHCOMING SPECIAL ICNAF MEETING IN MIAMI AS THEY RELATE TO THE PENDING LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS ON ESTABLISHING A 200-MILLE FISHERIES JURISDICTION AND TO THE LOS CONFERENCE. KOZYREV RESPONDED POSITIVELY, AND REITERATED THE USSR'S INTEREST IN REACHING AN UNDERSTANDING ON THESE ISSUES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AN AGREED APPROACH TO LOS MATTERS. I SAID WE WOULD BE MAKING DETAILED DEMARCHES AT THE MFA AND AT THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES. KOZYREV SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO FACILITATE THE SCHEDULING OF THOSE MEETINGS, AND HE DID SO.

2. FOLLOWING UP MY DISCUSSION IWTH KOZYREV, DCM
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CALLED ON FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER KAMENTSEV OF THE

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES (WHO WILL HEAD SOVIET DELEGATION TO MIAMI ICNAF MEETING) TO RAISE POINTS IN BOTH REFTELS. POLITICAL COUNSELOR MADE SIMILAR DEMARCHE WITH ACTING CHIEF OF MFA TREATY AND LEGAL DIVISION, ROMANOV. COPIES OF THE U.S. MEMORANDUM (REFTEL B) WERE LEFT AT BOTH OFFICES. A.A. VOLKOV OF MINFISH WAS PRESENT AT BOTH PRESENTATIONS.

3. IN RESPONSE, KAMENTSEV OF MINFISH INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF RELEVANCE OF MIAMI MEETING TO HIS POSITION, BUT MADE CLEAR THAT HIS COMPETENCE IS LIMITED TO FISHERIES QUESTIONS. HE NOTED THAT THE USSR SHARED THE US INTEREST IN RESOLVING ICNAF PROBLEMS AND DISPUTES AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO WORK TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL AND MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED IN MIAMI. KAMENTSEV ADDED THAT ONE PROBLEM IS THAT US AND SOVIET SCIENTIFIC DATA ON FISHERIES STOCKS DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE. IN ADDITION, HE POINTED OUT THE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIS DELEGATION TO AGREE TO NEW PROPOSALS WITHOUT PREPARATION AND CLEARANCE WITHIN THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. HE ASSURED US, HOWEVER, THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD MAKE AN EARNEST EFFORT TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE US DELEGATION AT THE ICNAF MEETING. IN CLOSING, KAMENTSEV SAID HE AND HIS DELEGATION WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING WITH THE US ICNAF DELEGATION ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 11, PRIOR TO THE REOPENING OF THE OFFICIAL SESSION THE FOLLOWING DAY.

4. DURING POLITICAL COUNSELOR'S CALL AT MFA, ROMANOV PROBED TO ENSURE THAT OUR DEMARCHE ON THIS SUBJECT WAS NOT INTENDED AS THREAT OF UNILATERAL ACTION BY U.S. GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO NOTED APPROVINGLY RECENT STATEMENTS BY U.S. OFFICIALS THAT U.S. WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY UNILATERAL ACTION IN THIS REGARD. VOLKOV INDICATED THAT HE SAW NO MAJOR PROBLEM WITH US POSITION AND SAID THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT US AND SOVIET SIDES COULD WORK TOGETHER PRODUCTIVELY IN MIAMI.
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